

CLAIMS

1. A print-finishing press comprising a bed for receiving a workpiece, a hydraulic ram for effecting relative movement between the bed and a press tool towards and away from each other, and pressure control means for selectively pre-setting the hydraulic pressure applied to the ram to any of a number of predetermined levels.

2. A press according to Claim 1, wherein the ram is mounted to urge the bed upwardly into engagement with the press tool fixedly mounted above it.

3. A multi-station print-finishing press, comprising a plurality of press stations, each press station comprising a hydraulic ram effecting relative movement between a press tool and a workpiece-receiving bed, conveying means for conveying a workpiece from one station to the next, and control means for controlling the operation of the press stations and the conveying means to perform a sequence of operations on each workpiece.

4. A multi-station press according to Claim 3, wherein the conveying means comprise, for each adjacent pair of press stations, gripping means for selectively gripping and releasing an edge of a workpiece, the gripping means being carried by a reciprocating carrier, whereby the workpiece is lifted from the first press station of the pair and deposited on to the next adjacent press station.

5. A multi-station press according to Claim 3 or 4, wherein each press station is a press according to Claim 1 or 2.